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GO SERV GRANTS MORE THAN \$30 MILLION FOR AMERICORPS IN CALIFORNIA

More than \$2 million for northern California

SACRAMENTO--Chuck J. Supple, Executive Director for the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) today announced more than \$30 million in AmeriCorps funding for California, which includes \$2,304,114 in grants that will support more than 200 AmeriCorps members serving in northern California.

"AmeriCorps members serving in northern California will join a force of some 6,000 strong to tackle tough issues in communities throughout the state," said Mr. Supple. AmeriCorps members will tutor and mentor students in afterschool programs, work to preserve California's natural resources through habitat restoration, and meet other critical community needs.

Some of the programs supported by the GO SERV grant in the northern California area include:

Straight Up AmeriCorps

\$711,425

58 AmeriCorps members will mentor in teams of two or more in classrooms, tutoring centers, community centers, family and youth shelters, and recreation centers throughout Humboldt County.

Watershed Stewards Project

\$659,685

53 AmeriCorps members will work with natural resource professionals to evaluate watersheds throughout the state and to gather salmon and steelhead habitat and population data.

YouthServe

\$478,920

45 members will work closely with local community organizations to provide academic tutoring, weekend and afterschool recreational activities to low-performing students.

In addition to local AmeriCorps grants, GO SERV will grant \$10 million to 13 statewide programs operating in multiple counties, programs such as the California Community Colleges' Teacher and Reading Development Partnership program that cultivates California's next generation of teachers, the California Alliance for Prevention, a program whose members provide services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect, and AmeriCorps Backcountry Trails, the focal point for which is the restoration and repair of California's pristine natural resources.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) funds national service commissions throughout the country. GO SERV, California's national service commission, is responsible for the administration and oversight of California's AmeriCorps programs. AmeriCorps, otherwise known as the domestic Peace Corps, was established in 1993 and provides young Americans with the opportunity to serve their communities in exchange for an educational award up to \$4,725 for 1,700 hours of community service.

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